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1. OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FROM MILNER AND HILL
2. YOUNG WOMAN COMMUNIST CALLED DZHON IN DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
3. "KLOD'S" NETWORK

(1945)

From: CANBERRA

To: MOSCOW

Nos.: 361-362

29th September 1945

[2-part message complete]

[Part I]

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tasks assigned to them personally. Apart from this, both at the first and second meeting MILNER[MIL'NER][i] and HILL[KHILL][ii] told him many interesting things. In addition HILL gave him copies of several

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official telegrams received from the British Foreign Office[MID] and also a copy of a [C% most] secret report of the Australian Department of External Affairs and the Institute of International Relations on the political and economic situation in South-East Europe. The report, addressed to EVATT[iii], contains a quantity of [1 group unrecovered] secret information received from the British Foreign Office and also gives certain important conclusions on the current situation in BULGARIA, ROMANIA and GREECE. The report was prepared on EVATT's instructions and sent to him in LONDON on 26th September by airmail. The most significant part of this report

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[Part II] During his second visit to CANBERRA "KLOD"[iv] found out that a young woman Communist called DZHON[v] is working in the Archives Department of the Department of External Affairs. She is 24 years old and unmarried. He told us recently that she was leaving MELBOURNE for CANBERRA. "KLOD" reported that, according to his information, the entire diplomatic correspondence of the Australian Department of External Affairs passes through

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who will be able to get hold of copies of enciphered telegrams. Furthermore KLOD has taken steps to organise a source for obtaining MALONEY's[MOLONEJ][vi] report through MELBOURNE. With this in view he went to MELBOURNE a second time. "KLOD" considers that the main difficulty during the expansion of his network in our line is in maintaining systematic liaison and work with each of his people, who will be [C% located] in three places: SYDNEY, MELBOURNE and CANBERRA. He says that our tasks, while not preventing it[vii] from carrying out direct work, will in future necessitate considerable expenditure of money on travelling about. Your gratitude has delighted him.

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[Signature unrecoverable]

- Footnotes: [i] MILNER: Ian MILNER, appointed First Secretary at the Australian Department of External Affairs in 1945.
- [ii] HILL: ✓ James Frederick HILL, a member of the United Nations Department of the Australian Department of External Affairs.
- [iii] EVATT: ✓ Rt. Hon. Herbert Vere EVATT, Australian Attorney-General and Minister for External Affairs.
- X [iv] KLOD: i.e. "CLAUDE"; Walter Seddon CLAYTON.

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Footnotes

- [Cont'd]: [v] DZhON: ✓ Probably represents Ellen Dorothy JORDAN, born 1919, Records Clerk in Department of External Affairs from August 1945.
- [vi] MALONEY: ✓ James Joseph MALONEY, Australian Minister to the USSR 1943-1946.
- [vii] i.e. the network.

